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MEMORANDUM FOR: William F. Donnelly, Director  
Office of Communications

FROM: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Assignment of Project Manager for  
Operations Center Renovation

1. The directorate is planning to renovate the 7th floor Operations Center as part of the plan to install the CIA terminus of the interagency [ ] system. After consultations between your staff and the Office of Current Production and Analytic Support, we have determined that most of the work involved in renovating the center will involve redesign of existing communications systems and planning for the eventual installation of new systems. This project is important to the agency, as the systems we install will eventually become the major substantive switch through which CIA finished intelligence will be furnished to the White House and other senior policy makers in support of crisis management. I therefore request that you assign a senior communications engineer as project manager to oversee the renovation of the Operations Center. 25X1

2. The current schedule calls for the installation of the [ ] equipment to begin in February 1985. Preliminary architectural design has already begun, and we hope to begin construction late this year. The project manager's immediate job will be to develop a long-term communications plan for the operations center area that will accommodate existing systems and make provision for expansion in the center's communication capabilities over the next five years. 25X1

3. The individual selected will have to work closely with and coordinate the efforts of a number of other CIA offices that will be involved in the project. We have already asked OD&E to begin looking at the problem of connecting some of their advanced systems to the [ ] project. OL's Headquarters Engineering Branch is currently working on the architectural design of the space with CPAS personnel who will be responsible for operating the systems that are to be installed. Over the longer run several other offices such as ODP for computers, FBIS for television, and CRS for television and data banks will have to be brought into the planning for an integrated center. 25X1

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4. The CPAS point of contact for this effort is [REDACTED]

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